1st Parish

Book in the record of Corporation.
is to be kept.

Persuant to a warrant from the subscriber to Samuel Perley Jr one of the propretors of the meeting house in the first parish in Boxford directing him to notify the said proprietors to meet at the vestry under said house for the purpose of organizing themselves as a body Corporate and for the transaction of other business on Thursday the twentyeighth day of May A D 1840. The said propretors met and the warrant having been read. they then made choice of Josiah Kimball as their clerk the subscriber presiding at said choice

Moses Dorman Jr Justice of the Peace

Essex s.s. May 28 1840. Then Personally appeared Josiah Kimball and was sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of the office of clerk of the proprietors of the meeting house in the first parish in Boxford

Before me Moses Dorman Jr Justice of the Peace

The proprietors of the meetinghouse in the first parish in Boxford having organized as by the above record proceeded as follows. (to wit)

Chose Samuel Perley Jr Moderator
Chose Daniel Gould Treasurer

Voted that the Corporation may hold in addition to their meetinghouse. in real and personal estate to the amount of five thousand dollars

A true copy of record

Attest Josiah Kimball Clerk

Pursuant to a warrant granted by Benjamin S Barnes Esq to Samuel Kimball one of the proprietors of the meeting-house in the first parish in Boxford directing him to notify and warn the proprietors and pew-holders in said house to meet at the vestry under said house for the purpose of organizing themselves as a body corporate and for the transaction of other business on Saturday the 18th day of August 1860 at three o'clock P. M.

The proprietors met agreably to said notice at the time and place specified—

Benjamin S Barnes Esq called the meeting to order at ½ past three o'clock P. M. and then read the following request signed by Samuel Kimball and others and also the warrant granted by said Barnes to said Kimball.

Petition, To Benjamin S Barnes Esq one of the Justices of the Peace within and for the County of Essex, We the undersigned pew-holders and proprietors of the meeting house in the first parish in Boxford request you to notify and warn a meeting of said pew-holders

and proprietors to be held in the vestry of
said house at such early and convenient time as
may be designated in your warrant giving at least
seven days notice of the time and place of said meeting
for the purpose of organizeing said proprietors as a
corporation according to law, and in conformity with
the provisions of the Statute in this behalf

First, By the choice of Clerk, Moderator, two or more
assessors or Standing Committe, Treasurer, Collector and
such other officers or committes, as said proprietors may
deem expedient and necessary, and to adopt such other measures (if any) as may be necessary to perfect the organization
of said proprietors as a corporation, and also to act on the
following matters and things namely

Second, To see and determine what amount of real and
personal Estate said corporation shall be authorized to
hold, in addition to its meeting-house

Third To see what measures shall be adopted (if any)
to procure a good and sufficient title to the
land on which the meeting-house Stands

Fourth To consider and act on the matter of By
Laws for the prudent and orderly management
of the affairs of said corporation

Fifth. To see and determine what [illegible] the proprietors will [illegible] in the valuation of the pews in their house

Sixth. To see and determine what shall be done [illegible] in regard to [illegible] repairing of said house and the pews therein, and if said proprietors shall adopt [illegible] any and what repairs and improvements made on their house and the pews therein and to see if they will authorize [illegible] or sum of money to be assessed on the pews [illegible] necessary and [illegible] for this purpose not exceeding the [illegible]

Seventh. To see if the proprietors will adopt [illegible] the vote of [illegible] Committee [illegible] and [illegible] in regard to [illegible] improvements [illegible] have made on said meeting-house [illegible] at the instance and request of the [illegible] body of the [illegible] worshipping in said house

Eighth. To act on any matter in regard to [illegible] belonging [illegible] and purpose which the corporation may be entitled to use [illegible] of the proprietors being appointed [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] the provisions of section 37 Chap. 30 of the

revised Statutes of 1860, and also to act on any other

matters & things [illegible]

them Signed by [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Samuel [illegible]

[illegible] rrant. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Greeting; In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. You are hereby required [illegible] holders of the meeting house in the first parish,

in Bedford to assemble at the vestry of said
house on Saturday the [illegible] day of August
instant at [illegible] o'clock [illegible] then and there to act
on the following matters & things namely

Art 1 To act on the due and legal organization of said
proprietors as a body corporate under the provisions
of the statutes in that behalf by the choice of a
Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Collector, Assessors
Standing Committee or Committees and such other
officers or Committees as said proprietors may deem
expedient or necessary for the perfecting of the organi-
zation of said proprietors as such Corporation
and to act on the following matters & things namely

Art 2 To see and determine what amount of real and
personal estate said corporation shall be entitled
to hold in addition to its meeting house

Art 3 [illegible] shall be raised (if any)
[illegible]
[illegible] the meeting house [illegible]

Art 4 [illegible] the [illegible] of Pews for
the present [illegible]
[illegible] of said corporation

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the pew
in which [illegible] —

Sixth [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
of the said Proprietors [illegible] [illegible] will
adopt purchase or pay for any, and what
repairs and improvements [illegible] [illegible] house
and the pews therein, and to see if they will
authorize such sum or sums of money [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] necessary
sufficient for this purpose not exceeding the
sum of twelve hundred dollars,

Seventh [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] ratify
the acts of William A. Cleaveland John [illegible]
and Jefferson Kimball in such repairs and im-
provements as they have already made [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] at the [illegible] [illegible]
of the [illegible] [illegible] of the proprietors and [illegible]
[illegible] of said house

Eighth [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
in leasing or selling any land [illegible] [illegible]
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[illegible] which the corporation may be [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] 35 Chapter [illegible] of the [illegible]

Statutes of 1860 and also to act on any other [illegible]

and thing [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

and keeping the same there posted until [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

this [illegible] day of [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Place therein named, by posting on the [illegible]

the front door of the meeting-house in [illegible]

[illegible]

on the eleventh day of August instant and [illegible]

there posted till this day

[illegible] meeting

After reading the foregoing Request [illegible]
Nelson B. S. Barnes Esqr still presiding [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
proprietors of the meetinghouse in the first
Boxford for the year ensuing before me [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
themselves anew as a body corporate [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
and to perfect such organization we do now [illegible]
to the election of such further officers as the law
[illegible]
authorises Parishes and Religious Societies
The Clerk then called upon the proprietors [illegible]
a Moderator and [illegible] was [illegible]

[illegible] receiving every vote

The Moderator then [illegible] it was

Voted That [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] of the

[illegible] is elected by ballot to the office of Treasurer &

Collector receiving every vote

It was then

Voted That we choose three persons to serve as Assessors [illegible]

Standing [illegible] Samuel Kimball [illegible]

and [illegible] [illegible]

of Standing Committee [illegible]

The following oath was then administered

by the Clerk to Samuel Kimball John Sawyer and [illegible]

[illegible] Assessors for the [illegible]

the meeting-house in the first parish [illegible]

for the year ensuing do swear that you [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] and apportion all such taxes as you [illegible]

during that time directed to assess and [illegible]

[illegible]

office — So help you God.

[illegible] Clerk [illegible]

the faithful discharge of his duties as Treasurer and Collector

[illegible]

[illegible] that the Mayor [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Voted [illegible] that the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] adjo[illegible]

[illegible]

the Treasurer be authorised to receive the same [illegible] Kimball [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] con-
sisting of Samuel Kimball and William A. Cleaveland. The above named Committee [illegible] the following -

By Laws

Article 1st Amendments [illegible]

[illegible]

Art 2 [illegible] Standing Committee [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]. [illegible]. Every pewholder shall be entitled to two [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be [illegible]
keep true and exact accounts of all collections
made by him from time to time, and the sources
from which they [illegible] exhibit always to
the examination of the [illegible] Standing
Committee.

[illegible] Collector. [illegible] shall [illegible]
[illegible] in the usual manner all the fiscal
[illegible] of the [illegible] the corporation
[illegible] the corporation - The [illegible]
[illegible] expenses of the corporation [illegible]
[illegible] by the Standing Committee

[illegible]. Standing Committee. The Committee [illegible]

[illegible]

prudential affairs of the corporation [illegible] shall submit annual reports of [illegible] to the corporation.

Article Sixth. Clerk. [illegible] of the doings of the corporation, [illegible] conveyances of pews, in which he shall [illegible] the names in alphabetical order of all the [illegible] as new [illegible] the duty of the [illegible] the Clerk. [illegible] by the Clerk. [illegible]

Article [illegible]. [illegible] legal meeting and voting thereon on [illegible] specified in the call for the m[illegible]

The foregoing By-Laws being read by the Moderator it was

Voted to accept and adopt all the articles therein contained

[illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]

Voted to [illegible] the valuation of the pews to the assessors

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] the number of each pew and their appraisal of each

[illegible]

No.	Value										
1&2	$96	13	$128	24	$[illegible]	37	$[illegible]	[illegible]	$[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	109	[illegible]	117	60	[illegible]
4	102	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	61	[illegible]
5	96	16	111	27	70	40	109	51	[illegible]	[illegible]	
6	109	17	122	28	47	41	128	52	[illegible]		
[illegible]	109	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		
8	109	19	119	30	26	43	128	54	[illegible]		
9	99	20	102	32&33	96	44	109	55	[illegible]		
10	109	21	113	34	99	45	128	56	[illegible]		
11	128	22	90	35	102	46	109	57	[illegible]		
12	109	23	96	36	96	47	122	58	[illegible]		

The Moderator having read the schedule of the [illegible] of the [illegible] the appraisal of said pews [illegible] by the assessors it was

Voted That the valuation of the pews in this house made by our assessors as shown by the

A [illegible] report prepared by [illegible] be received and recorded, and the Clerk be directed to record this resolution on the books of the corporation

Mr [illegible] which in the [illegible] resolution the following [illegible] which was passed unanimously viz —

"Improvements [illegible] have been made on our meeting-house within the year past viz, The house has been thoroughly [illegible] inside and outside the walls and ceiling of the [illegible] have been fresco painted. The roof [illegible] the belfry covered with a new dome and spire [illegible] have been erected at the entrance to said house. An [illegible] windows have been put in. Ornamental [illegible] have been put in the large windows and ornamental doors [illegible] to the [illegible] have been added to the [illegible] principal door and a [illegible] and [illegible] ceiling

[illegible]

[illegible] and have added to

the value of said house and the pews therein and

whereas these repairs were made at the

[illegible] and [illegible] of the large body of the

pew holders and proprietors here [illegible]

consideration of the premises it is

Voted [illegible] adopt said repairs and [illegible]

[illegible] thanks of this [illegible]

in directing and making the same. And for the purpose

of paying for said repairs and purchasing the improvements

[illegible] made thereby [illegible]

[illegible] that the sum of [illegible]

[illegible] dollars be raised by assessment upon the

pews in said house said assessment to be made

[illegible] of the [illegible] by [illegible]

[illegible]

adopt it to the end and for the purpose that

[illegible] purchasers [illegible]

[illegible]

legal title the aforesaid improvements alterations

and repairs made in on said house [illegible] especial use and benefit and convenience and to [illegible] the

means aforesaid, we hereby order and direct the [illegible]

[illegible]

Voted [illegible]
H. Cole and Jefferson Kimball in such [illegible]

[illegible]

instance and request of the large body of the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] said article

[illegible]

The foregoing is a true record of all [illegible] transactions and all the proceedings [illegible]

meeting of the Proprietors of the meeting house
in the First Parish in [illegible] to be this day
August eighteenth A.D. 1866.

Attest Wm. W. [illegible] Clerk of proprietors

Received at the Town Clerk's office [illegible]
August 22, 1866 at five minutes before four o'clock
& the same recorded by [illegible] Town Clerk